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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Carla Semeniuk

Welcome to the winter edition of the Alberta Planning Exchange. In this edition, we are excited to introduce the theme and preliminary line-up for the upcoming 2009 Annual Community Planning Association of Alberta Conference. This year the conference will be held from April 6th to 8th, 2009 at the Black Knight Inn in Red Deer.

The Board has been working very hard to organize this year's conference. The Conference and Education Committee met this fall to brain storm possible themes that CPAA delegates would want to know more about in this constantly changing planning environment. At last, we are please to announce this year's conference theme: **Open Space Planning and Community Design.**

Please read this issue for more information on the 2009 Conference.

If you have any ideas that you think CPAA should cover in the future newsletters, please contact CPAA.

Carla Semeniuk, Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 2009 Community Planning Association of Alberta Annual Conference! The CPAA Board of Directors is once again excited about this year's theme, Open Space Planning and Community Design. The Board has put together a conference that addresses the diversity of topics embraced by this theme in a pragmatic way that we firmly believe will meet everyone's needs.

As in previous years, the CPAA annual conference has two parts: an Education Session and then the Conference itself. The Education Session is scheduled for the morning of April 6, 2009. The Conference itself will feature a number of top notch speakers, starting with Dr. John L. Crompton who is both a Professor Emeritus with Texas A & M University and a Councillor with the City of College Station, Texas. Conference topics will include how to design cluster communities, an open space tool kit, community visioning for open spaces, and riparian reclamation. As is always the case, the CPAA Conference will allow you plenty of time to network, as well as learn. There will be ample opportunity to establish new contacts, and to reacquaint you with other people who face similar problems and situations throughout the Province.

The conference will be held in Red Deer, at the Black Knight Inn. The CPAA Board of Directors are grateful for the contributions of our sponsors and donors of the silent auction items. Their generosity helps to ensure that the Alberta Planning Conference continues to be a great success.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Alberta Planning Conference!

Sincerely,

Your Conference Committee:

Mark Oberg, Lynne Dale, George Gehrke, Leanne Beaupre, Carla Semeniuk, Jon Schmidt

2009 EDUCATION SESSION

Open Spaces, Community Design and the Land-use Framework

Presented by: Dave Bartesko, Senior Consultation Manager & Glen Tjostheim,
Senior Planner, both with the Land Use Secretariat.

Alberta has changed greatly since it first became a province. Our 3.5 million people, combined with development and lands for agriculture, oil, gas, forestry and recreation, have contributed to the ever evolving built and natural landscape. To give our children the same quality of life, it is all too apparent that we must start now at managing our lands more efficiently and effectively.

This session will provide an update on the development and implementation of the Land Use Framework, regional plans, and the supporting legislation. We will discuss how Social, Economic and Environmental factors will come into play as Open Spaces and Community Design are considered in the future.

2009 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The theme for the Community Planning Association of Alberta's 2009 Conference is ***Open Space Planning and Community Design***.

Sessions and speakers will focus on the community and economic benefits associated with parks and open space planning, the design of new communities that marks open space as a first priority (called "cluster design"), and riparian and wetland management planning, to name a few. The emphasis will be on "how-to" philosophies and success stories. We believe this is a timely theme and one to be welcomed and embraced by our members.

The Conference program topics will include:

Keynote Presentation

Community Benefits of Parks and Open Spaces

Concurrent Sessions

- Open Space and Cluster Design
- Riparian Reclamation and Wetlands Management Planning
- Visioning for Community Open Spaces

Plenary Address

An Open Space Planning Toolkit

Concurrent Sessions

- Using Development Credits to Preserve Sensitive Land and Farmland
- Open Space Planning in Utility Corridors
- Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Spaces

Concurrent Sessions

- Conservation Easements in Open Space Planning and Community Design
- Community Open Space: From Planning to Implementation
- Open Space Planning and Design Success Stories

Closing Plenary Address

- The Smart Code: Regulating Open Space and Community Design for the 21st Century

Conference speakers that are confirmed at this time are:

Dr. John L. Crompton, Professor Emeritus, Texas A & M University, & Councillor with the City of College Station, Texas (Keynote Speaker)

Carole Stark, the Chinook Institute for Community Stewardship

Peter Vana, the County of Strathcona

Greg McKenzie, Armin A. Preiksaitis & Associates

Jill Henry, the County of Grande Prairie

Bev Sandalack, University of Calgary

Guy Greenaway and Kim Good, Miistakis Institute for the Rockies

Doug Kulba, AB Environment – Partners in Resources

Jamal Ramjohn, MCIP and Alex Taylor, MUP, both from Dillon Consulting Limited

Sol Rolinger, River Valley Alliance

Adam Stoker, Enermodal Energy

Tracy Scott, Ducks Unlimited

Barry Kolenosky, Lac La Biche County

Geoff Dyer, T-Six Urbanists Inc

Thank you to all of the 2009 conference speakers for taking the time out of their busy schedules to share their experiences with us!

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CONFERENCE SPONSORS TO-DATE

Each year, CPAA depends on the generous sponsorship of attending town, counties and municipalities. We would like to thank you in advance for your much-appreciated support!

The 2009 Conference sponsors to-date:

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CPAA Student Scholarships: Call for Applications

The CPAA is pleased to announce the 2009 Conference Scholarship. There will be a total of three \$1000 scholarships awarded to students that attend the CPAA Conference held in Red Deer on April 6th to April 8th, 2009. The requirements for the scholarship are:

- Students must be registered as student members with the CPAA; and
- must attend the CPAA conference.

Applicants must submit an article of 500 - 650 words on a topic related to a conference session and its relevance to community planning. All submitted articles will be reviewed and considered for publication in the newsletter or other venues.

All applications must be submitted to CPAA office via email, no later than **June 1, 2009**.

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OTHER NEWS

First Ministers Endorse Full Labour Mobility Across Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Provincial Premiers and Territorial Leaders have signed amendments to the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). The revised Labour Mobility Chapter of the AIT will provide that any worker certified for an occupation by a regulatory authority of one province or territory is to be recognized as qualified for that occupation by all other provinces and territories. Each amendment marks significant progress toward eliminating internal trade barriers and enhancing labour mobility in Canada. For the complete document on Labour Mobility go to <http://pm.gc.ca>

Foreign Qualification Recognition (FQR) Plan for Alberta

Alberta Employment and Immigration (AE&I) hosted an Information Session with Alberta's Professional Regulatory Organizations (PROs) on December 8, 2008. A total of 53 representatives of this stakeholder group and the Government of Alberta attended this session in Edmonton. The objectives of the Information Session with the PROs were to provide the PROs with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the Foreign Qualification Recognition (FQR) Plan for Alberta Plan; present the government supports available; review the benefits of the FQR Plan and the need for collaboration; and engage the PROs in the implementation by outlining their primary role in developing more flexible and streamlined assessment processes. Forty-eight participants represented 34 PROs, and five participants represented four government departments directly responsible for the assessment and registration of regulated occupations (Teachers, Childcare Workers, Trades and Land Agents). The Government of Alberta has released *A Foreign Qualification Recognition Plan for Alberta*. Developed through stakeholder consultation and several government ministries, the plan incorporates and recognizes the critical role of employers, educational institutions, professional regulatory organizations and immigrant-serving agencies in the labour market integration of immigrants.

<http://employment.alberta.ca/cps/rde/xchg/hre/hs.xsl/6427.html>

Canadian Institute of Planners Working at Improving Standards

As a result of an extensive and effective consultation process involving Affiliates, members and stakeholders, 2009 will see the planning profession in Canada evolve, positioning Canada's planners with even more opportunities worldwide. Through the improvement of national standards, the profession as a whole will benefit from more stringent standards, improving labour mobility for planners and raising the profile of the profession. Please note that although the vast majority of these revised standards relate to entry into the profession and would not affect or be retroactively applied to existing members, the current membership is strongly encouraged to become familiar with them since their adoption will ultimately require a membership vote.

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REGISTRATION FORM
CPAA 2009 PLANNING CONFERENCE
And EDUCATION SESSION

APRIL 6, 7, and 8, 2009
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Full-time students please indicate (and see special rate below):

Program of Study and Institution _____

- Student Registration Fee: \$50.00 Students must be current members of CPAA.**

Check all items that apply:

Education Session 2009 Monday, April 6, 2009

“Open Space Planning, Community Design and the Provincial Land-use Framework”

- Registration Fee: \$100.00 for CPAA Members
- Registration Fee: \$125.00 for non Members
9:00 am to 12:30 pm includes Lunch and information package.

CPAA 2009 Conference April 6, 7, 8 2009

“Open Space Planning and Community Design”

- Registration Fee: \$350.00 for CPAA Members
- Registration Fee: \$425.00 for non members
Registration fee for Conference includes: Minister’s Reception: Conference Sessions: Luncheon & Banquet: Silent Auction and the CPAA Annual General Meeting

Indicate number of extra tickets:

_____ Extra Conference Luncheon Tickets\$30.00
 _____ Extra Conference Banquet Tickets\$60.00

- Display space is available for \$100:00 per space (includes one banquet ticket). Tables and power available upon request.

TOTAL AMOUNT OWING: _____

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GST is not applicable. Sorry, but we can not accept credit card payments. Cancellation Policy: There will be no refunds. However, registration is transferable to another person within your organization. Return registration form with cheque payable to: Community Planning Association of Alberta (address above).